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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

G. Ramanath et al.

Application No.: 09/976,927

Filed: October 11, 2001

For: DIFFUSION BARRIERS  
COMPRISING A SELF-ASSEMBLED  
MONOLAYER

Examiner: E. Kielin

Art Unit: 2813

**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Further in response to the Office Action mailed July 22, 2002 and

Applicants' Amendment filed on November 21, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add the following claim.